

Missouri State Library

Show Me *Express*

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Show Me Express features time-sensitive information about State Library programs and current news of interest to the Missouri library community.

De Soto Public Library Shares Resources and Expands Services

Resource-sharing among Missouri public libraries continues to grow, as De Soto Public Library is now a contributing member of Missouri Evergreen and courier service participant. De Soto Public Library went live on Missouri Evergreen on January 25, 2016. This added 30,318 items and 3,735 patrons to the Missouri Evergreen system resulting in a grand total of 1,474,457 items and 255,806 patrons served consortium-wide. Patrons at Missouri Evergreen libraries can search for materials held at other member libraries and place holds on them as if the other library was a branch of their own, eliminating the need to go through traditional interlibrary loan.

In addition, De Soto Public Library added two days of courier service via the Mid-America Library Alliance/KCMLIN (MALA). Using LSTA grant funds, MALA offers courier service for interlibrary loan, and 117 public libraries engage in two stops per week. Additional stops are available using local funds. Please direct questions about the courier service or Missouri Evergreen to Jennifer France at (800) 325-0131 or jennifer.france@sos.mo.gov.

WorldCat Discovery for Genealogy Research

The Missouri State Library WorldCat Discovery subscription supports reference, discovery, resource sharing and genealogical research needs of libraries across the state. The service lets Missouri residents search the entire WorldCat database, representing collections of libraries in Missouri and around the world. Through WorldCat Discovery, genealogists in Missouri can search WorldCat to

find many types of genealogy materials found in libraries. These include primary source materials as well as an increasing number of digitized items including:

- Local newspapers
- Photographs
- Cemetery records
- Military records
- Town histories
- Probate records
- Oral histories, Family Bibles
- Diaries and journals

FamilySearch is a nonprofit family history organization with the largest collection of genealogical and historic records in the world. Since developing a partnership with OCLC in 2013, FamilySearch has contributed more than one million records to WorldCat. These records lead genealogists to openly accessible digitized documents on FamilySearch.org or to the WorldCat libraries that own them.

Begin using WorldCat Discovery by completing the form at <http://oc.lc/RegDiscovery> to request a unique WorldCat Discovery URL for the library. Then learn more about configuring and using the service with [WorldCat Discovery training and documentation resources](#).

Public Library Directors 101 Webinar Series on WebJunction

A new course is now available in the WebJunction Course Catalog. [Public Library Directors 101](#) is a four-part video series designed by state librarians, library development directors and continuing education coordinators around the question, "What do public library directors tell us they wish they had known when they started their job?"

These videos are provided by the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA) and are valuable resources for new library directors and even those thinking about becoming directors. Use the Learner Guide provided with the course to capture thoughts and ideas about learning and next steps.

Be sure to check out the other courses and webinar archives in the [WebJunction Course Catalog](#). They are free and available to be completed, as time permits, at WebJunction.org.

Upcoming Continuing Education Opportunities from the State Library

Bilingual Storytime webinar on Thursday, March 17, from 10-11 a.m.

Drawing from first-person experience and research, presenter Katie Scherrer, a library consultant, author, trainer and former children's librarian, will describe specific ways in which bilingual storytime programs can be beneficial to both libraries and communities. The webinar will focus on how to implement bilingual storytimes including resources, planning, presentation techniques, marketing and promotion tips and evaluation methods. Registration is online at [Bilingual Storytime Webinar](#). Direct questions about the webinar to Becky Wilson at becky.wilson@sos.mo.gov.

Citizenship Resources and Training for Libraries webinar on Thursday, April 21, from 10-11 a.m.

This webinar, presented by Chuck Pratt, Community Relations officer for the Kansas City District Office of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), will review the resources available through the Citizen Resource Center of the USCIS website, as well as print resources. There are multiple requirements in becoming a US citizen and these resources offer assistance to those seeking help in understanding the requirements and the process to obtain citizenship. The session will also include an opportunity for library staff to inquire about offering additional assistance to community members through training. Registration is online at [Citizenship Resources for Libraries](#). Direct questions about the webinar to Becky Wilson at becky.wilson@sos.mo.gov.

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